GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3924
ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003
LAYING OF COASTAL HIGHWAY
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Union Governmentto take up the laying of a parallel coastal highway to NH-214 connecting major towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir, the Andhra Pradesh Government had requested the Union Government to upgrade a State road to National Highway from Digamarru to Ongole via Narsapur, Machilipatnam, Challapalli, Puligedda, Penumudi, Repalle, Bhattiprolu, Bapatla and Chirala.

(c) All proposals for conversion of State Highways into National Highways have been returned to the respective State Governments including Andhra Pradesh for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways.Presently, there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints.The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways, out of the modified proposals received during the course of 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds, after ban is lifted.